

January 23

Ecclesiasticus 2:1-3

“Prepare for Temptation”



¹ My son, if thou come to serve the Lord, **prepare thy soul for temptation.**

² Set thy heart aright, and constantly endure, and make not haste in time of trouble. ³ Cleave unto him, and depart not away, that thou mayest be increased at thy last end.

Count the cost. Plan and calculate situations before they actually occur. Sons, as well as daughters, need to be ready to deal with temptation.

Not enough children are taught this foundational principal. That may be so because many parents, teachers, care persons, and religious leaders, themselves, don't know.

When you begin to pursue God,

don't expect all pleasantness—
it's not a leisure cruise.

Have a set plan on how you will respond to challenges which are common to Believers. Prepare to be tempted hard and don't go the wrong way. Make up your mind to endure great difficulties. Don't rush into decisions during stressful times.

Stick tightly to God. Despite how things may appear and feel, trust that situations will work for your ultimate well-being in the end.

Like an educational course, this is prerequisite knowledge for successful godly living.

It's severely needed instruction in having a clean and productive godly life where one avoids so many of the pitfalls, set-ups, and snares, which are positioned for Believers.

Because new Believers, of any chronological age, and young people are particularly vulnerable to the tempting traps of the world,

they need to be taught how to fully submit their hearts to God and be ready and able to constantly endure.



When it comes to serving the Lord, every Believer needs to prepare for temptation.